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XXIV. Conservation Permits

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(1) Statewide and Area Conservation permits are available through non-profit (official tax exempt) wildlife conservation organizations for sale at an auction or as an aid to wildlife-related fund raising activities.

(2) One Statewide Conservation permit may be available for each of the following species: desert bighorn ram, Rocky Mountain bighorn ram, bull elk, buck deer, bull moose, hunter's choice bison, hunter's choice Rocky Mountain goat and buck pronghorn.

(3) Area Conservation permits may be available for the following species: Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, desert bighorn sheep, deer, elk, moose, bison, Rocky Mountain goat and pronghorn.

(4) Area Conservation permits issued for limited entry units are not valid on Cooperative Wildlife Management units, and Area Conservation permits issued for general season hunt areas are not valid on Cooperative Wildlife Management units or limited entry units.

(5) Statewide Conservation permits may be used on any unit open to hunting the respective species, except: Antelope Island for bison; Pilot Mountain for elk; and Pine Valley, Virgin River for desert bighorn sheep.

(6) Information concerning the dates and locations of the auctions may be obtained from Division offices.

(7) Funds derived from the sale of Conservation permits are used for the benefit of the respective species. Wildlife conservation organizations interested in applying for big game Conservation permits may contact the Division's big game coordinator in the Salt Lake office.

(8) Bonus points shall not be awarded or utilized when applying for, or in obtaining, Conservation permits.

(9) Any person who obtains a Conservation Permit is subject to all waiting periods as provided under Section XVII.I. Waiting Periods.

XXV. Sportsman Permits

R657-41 & R657-42

(1) One 2004 Sportsman Permit is offered to residents through a drawing for each of the following species: desert bighorn ram, buck deer, bull elk, bull moose, hunter's choice bison, hunter's choice Rocky Mountain goat and buck pronghorn.

(2) The application period for Sportsman permits is November 5 – 19, 2003.

(3)(a) Applications must be submitted in one of the following ways:

(i) through the mail to: Utah Wildlife Administrative Services, P.O. Box 30389, Salt Lake City, Utah 84130-0389; or

(ii) through an overnight mail service to: Utah Wildlife Administrative Services, 185 N. Maine Street, Fallon, Nevada 89406; or

(iii) through the Division's Internet address: www.wildlife.utah.gov.

(b) Applications must be received at the Utah Wildlife Administrative Services's P.O. Box, through an overnight mail service at the Utah Wildlife Administrative Services's street address, or through the Division's Internet address no later than 5 p.m., November 19, 2003. Allow the Post Office time to process the mail. This is not a drop box. The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources cannot guarantee delivery. Check with your local postmaster for service. Overnight mail cannot be delivered to a Post Office box.

(c) The opportunity to correct an error is not guaranteed. The Division reserves the right to correct applications without sending a correction letter.

(4) Applicants must submit a \$5 nonrefundable handling fee for each species with the application. Fees for the permits are collected from successful applicants after the drawing.

(5) Applications filled out incorrectly or received later than November 19, 2003 will not be considered in the drawing.

(6)(a) Late applications received by November 25, 2003 will not be considered in the drawing, but will be processed for the purpose of entering data into the Division's draw database to provide:

(i) future preprinted applications;

(ii) notification by mail of late application and other draw opportunities; and

(iii) re-evaluation on Division or third-party errors.

(b) The \$5 handling fee will be used to process the late application.

(c) Late applications received after November 25, 2003 will not be processed and will be returned.

(7)(a) Personal checks, money orders, cashier's checks, and American Express, Discover, MasterCard and VISA credit cards are accepted.

(b) Personal checks drawn on an out-of-state account are not accepted.

(c) Third-party checks are not accepted.

(d) All payments must be made payable to the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.

(8)(a) Credit cards must be valid at least 30 days after the drawing results are posted.

(b) Handling fees and donations are charged to the credit card when the application is processed.

(9)(a) An application is voidable if the check is returned unpaid from the bank or the credit card is invalid or refused.

(b) The Division charges a \$20 returned check collection fee for any check returned unpaid.

(10)(a) A license or permit is voidable if the check is returned unpaid from the bank or the credit card is invalid or refused.

(b) The Division may void a permit after making a reasonable effort to contact the successful applicant to collect payment and payment is not received.

(c) The Division shall reinstate the applicant's bonus points or preference points, whichever is applicable, and waive waiting periods, if applicable, when voiding a permit in accordance with Subsection (b).

(d) A permit which is deemed void in accordance with Subsection (b) may be reissued by the Division to the next person listed on the alternate drawing list.

(11) A person may withdraw their application for the sportsman permit drawing by requesting such in writing by November 25, 2003.

(12) The applicant must send their notarized signature with a statement requesting that their application be withdrawn to the Salt Lake Division office.

(13) A person may not amend a withdrawn application, nor reapply after the application has been withdrawn.

(14) Handling fees will not be refunded and preference points will not be awarded.

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(15) A license or permit received by a person shall be deemed invalid if payment is not received for that license or permit, or a check is returned unpaid from the bank or the credit card is invalid or refused.

(16) Hunting with a permit where payment has not been received for that permit constitutes a violation of hunting without a valid permit.

(17) To apply for a resident permit, a person must establish residency at the time of purchase.

(18) The posting date of the drawing shall be considered the purchase date of a permit.

(19) The drawing for 2004 Sportsman permits will be posted by December 10, 2003. Successful applicants are notified by mail.

(20) Hunt dates are September 1 – December 31, 2004. Hunting may occur on any unit open, using any legal weapon (see Section VII.), to hunt the respective species, except: Antelope Island for bison; Pilot Mountain for elk; and Pine Valley, Virgin River for desert bighorn sheep.

(21) Bonus points shall not be awarded or utilized when applying for, or in obtaining, Sportsman permits.

(22) Any person who applies for or obtains a Sportsman Permit is subject to all waiting periods and exceptions as provided under Section XXVII.I. Waiting Periods.

XXVI. Limited Entry And General Deer Private Landowner Permits

R657-43

(1) A limited number of limited entry landowner permits are available to landowners for limited entry buck deer, bull elk and buck pronghorn units.

(2) Landowners interested in requesting permits must submit an application to the Division wildlife biologist in the appropriate region by September 1, 2003 for permits in the subsequent year. Applications are available from the same appropriate regional Division office.

(3) Any person who obtains a limited entry landowner permit is subject to all waiting periods as provided under Section XXVII.I. Waiting Periods.

(4) Limited entry landowner permits may be obtained from Division offices with a voucher obtained from the landowner.

(5) General buck deer landowner permits are available to landowners whose property is located within a general regional hunt boundary area. For information, applications and requirements, please contact the appropriate regional Division office.

XXVII. Depredation Hunter Pool Permits

R657-44

(1) When deer, elk or pronghorn are causing damage, hunts not listed in this proclamation may be held. These hunts occur on short notice, involve small areas, and are limited to only a few hunters.

(2) Hunters shall be selected pursuant to Subsections (3), (4), and (5).

(3) Pre-season depredation hunters shall be selected using:

(a) hunters possessing a limited entry buck deer, bull elk, or buck pronghorn permit for that limited entry unit;

(b) hunters from the alternate drawing list for that limited entry unit; or

(c) general permittees for that unit through the depredation hunter pool, provided the animals being hunted are determined by the appropriate regional division representative, to not come from a limited entry unit.

(4) Post-season depredation hunters shall be selected using:

(a) hunters from the alternate drawing list for that limited entry unit;

(b) hunters from the alternate drawing list from the nearest adjacent limited entry unit; or

(c) general permittees for that unit through the depredation hunter pool, provided the animals being hunted are determined by the appropriate regional division representative, to not come from a limited entry unit.

(5) Antlerless depredation hunters shall be selected using:

DEPREDATION HUNTER POOL APPLICATION

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Birthdate: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____ Eyes: _____ Hair: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Species: Deer Permit # _____ Region _____

Elk Permit # _____ Region _____

Pronghorn Permit # _____ Region _____

Designating more than one region per species voids the application.

County where you live: _____

Please clip and mail to the UDWR office nearest to where you would like to hunt by October 1, 2003.

Applications received after October 1 will only be used if adequate numbers of applicants are not available to meet depredation situations.

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(a) hunters possessing an antlerless deer, elk, or doe pronghorn permit for that unit;

(b) hunters from the alternate drawing list for that unit; or

(c) the depredation hunter pool.

(6) If a hunter is selected from the alternate drawing list for a depredation hunt in a limited entry area and harvests a trophy animal, that person shall lose their bonus points and incur the appropriate waiting period as provided in Rule R657-5 and this proclamation.

(7) A hunter pool application does not affect eligibility to apply for any other big game permit. However, hunters who participate in any deer, elk, or pronghorn depredation hunt may not possess an additional permit for that species during the same year, except as provided in Rule R657-5 and this proclamation.

(8) Applications must be sent to the appropriate regional division office for the area requested.

(9)(a) Applications must be received at the appropriate regional Division office by October 1, 2003.

(b) Applications received after October 1, 2003, may be used if adequate numbers of applicants are not available to satisfy depredation situations.

(10) Hunters who have not obtained the appropriate deer, elk, or pronghorn permit may purchase an appropriate permit.

Successful applicants are responsible for contacting the CWMU operator to obtain the following:

(a) Hunting dates of guaranteed access within the legal CWMU hunting season framework. Realize that both the operator and the hunter must schedule around individual needs — be realistic and patient.

(b) A map of the CWMU showing access and the acreage you will be allowed to hunt. The CWMU acreage should be equally available to private and public CWMU hunters.

(c) A copy of rules. CWMUs are allowed to develop rules by which hunters invited onto the units are expected to comply. Rules may include such requirements as no pre-season scouting, checking into and out of the unit daily, limited vehicle access, no overnight camping, a marksmanship test, limiting the number of hunting companions, etc. Hunters may be asked to leave a CWMU for failure to abide by reasonable rules of the CWMU (Utah Code 23-23-11).

Complaint Process: Hunters wishing to lodge complaints against a CWMU should contact the Division immediately. Biologists and Conservation Officers have access to forms by which complaints may be made. Otherwise, the complaint may be made to any Division personnel. Because time is of the essence, it is expected that the hunter and the operator will make every effort to resolve issues before they escalate to the Division level. If a problem cannot be resolved locally, it may be passed on to a CWMU Advisory Committee. For more information on CWMUs, see Utah Admin. Code, Rule R657-37.

XXVIII. Cooperative Wildlife Management Units

Less than one-fourth of Utah's 54.3 million acres are in private ownership, but more than 60% of the state's big game winter range occurs on private land. Utah is growing rapidly and its private rangelands face increasing pressure from expanding suburban and urban development. These critical circumstances have led to the creation of the Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit Program.

Cooperative Wildlife Management Units (CWMUs) are private land areas that in addition to ranching and other private uses are also managed for big game species in partnership with the Division of Wildlife Resources. While big game animals are the principle species managed for, other wildlife also benefit.

The CWMU Program, through allocation of big game hunting permit vouchers to landowners, provides economic incentive to the owners to keep private range and forest lands in wildlife habitat rather than succumbing to development. CWMUs also allow for free public hunting access onto the private lands enrolled in the program.

Some public land is included in certain CWMUs because it is isolated by private ownership. In other cases it may be included in order to clarify unit boundaries and to improve the ability to manage the resident wildlife. When public lands are included, the public is compensated with additional hunting opportunity.

Both private and public hunters generally enjoy greater hunting benefits on CWMUs in the form of improved harvest success and reduced hunter competition. While good opportunity exists for hunters to take mature animals, harvest is not guaranteed, and the quality of male animals may differ greatly between units. If it is the hunter's goal to harvest a "trophy" animal, you must contact the landowner/operator of the specific unit in order to better understand trophy potential prior to applying for the hunt.

How To Obtain Cwmu Permits

(1) The Division shall issue Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit permits for hunting big game to permittees:

(a) qualifying through a general public drawing; or

(b) named by the CWMU landowner or operator.

(2) Residents may apply for any CWMU permits through the drawing or may obtain CWMU permit vouchers from the landowner or operator.

(3) Nonresidents may not apply for buck deer, bull elk, buck pronghorn or bull moose CWMU permits through the drawing, but may obtain CWMU vouchers from the landowner or operator.

(4)(a) CWMU vouchers may be redeemed:

(i) by mailing the vouchers to the Division, CWMU Licensing, 1594 W. No. Temple, Suite 2110, Box 146301, Salt Lake City, UT 84114, to obtain permits (please allow 10 to 14 days for processing); or

(ii) over-the-counter at any Division office.

(5) Waiting periods apply to CWMU permits as provided in XVII.I. Waiting Periods.

(6) A person may not obtain more than one permit for each species of big game, except as provided in this proclamation, the Antlerless Addendum and Rule R657-42.

Express Your Opinion — Attend Wildlife Public Meetings

To provide the public a way to give input to the Division of Wildlife Resources and the Utah Wildlife Board about wildlife management in Utah, Regional Advisory Councils were established throughout the state in the mid 1990s.

There are five RACs in Utah. Each consists of 12 to 15 members selected from the specific community or region. Each RAC has the following:

- two members who represent agriculture
- two members who represent sportsmen
- two members who represent non-consumptive use
- one member who represents business interests
- one member who is a locally appointed public official
- one member from the USDA Forest Service
- one member from the Bureau of Land Management
- two members of the public-at-large, who represent the general interests of the region
- where applicable, one member who represents Native American interests

Members are appointed by the executive director of the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with the director of the Division of Wildlife Resources.

Members may serve up to two, two-year terms. Each Division regional supervisor serves as the executive secretary for the RAC in his region, just as the Division director serves as the executive secretary for the Wildlife Board.

RACs hold meetings to hear public input about Division of Wildlife Resources proposals, including recommendations, biological data and information about the effects of wildlife. The RACs also gather information from their constituents, the public and government agencies, and make recommendations to the Wildlife Board in an advisory capacity.

Each RAC is charged with hearing different viewpoints and controversial issues. They must incorporate all perspectives and come to the decision that they feel is best for Utah's wildlife and its citizens.

Each RAC appoints a chairperson who attends Wildlife Board meetings and presents RAC recommendations to the Wildlife Board during an open public meeting.

The public is invited to give its input and comments to the RACs. After deliberating on the issues, RAC members vote. Motions that pass are taken to the Wildlife Board.

The Wildlife Board has the final decision making authority. Board members weigh heavily on RAC recommendations when making their final decisions.

From year to year, many of the same topics are addressed during the same month. The timeline is determined by when a specific proclamation needs to be available to the public. If you want to address a specific topic (for example, fishing regulations are discussed during the August RAC meetings) you need to attend the appropriate RAC meeting.

These dates are not set in stone but are adhered to as much as possible. If you plan to attend a RAC meeting, please contact the specific Division regional office to confirm the dates.

- RAC meetings in the Northeastern Region are held at the Vernal City Offices, 447 E. Main St. in Vernal.
- The Southeastern Region, meetings are held at the John Wesley Powell Museum, 885 E. Main St. in Green River.
- The Northern, Central and Southern regions meetings are held in a different location each month.

For information on where the meetings will be held, call the Division regional office in those regions or check the Division web site:

www.wildlife.utah.gov (Public Meetings)

Public input is the cornerstone to successful decision-making for the Division through the RAC and Board process.

RAC/Board Coordinator Dana Dolsen (801) 538-4790

Questions may be directed to the RAC chairpersons at the following addresses or phone numbers:

Regional Advisory Councils

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